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**Thomas D. Thalken**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: Creighton 1964 BA, 1966 JD  
Began Service: January 4, 1993  
Term Expires: January 4, 2017

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, District of Nebraska,  
Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice  
(1971-1980); First Assistant United States Attorney, District of Nebraska,  
Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice  
(1981-1993)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1964-1970)

**Current Memberships:** Nebraska State Bar Association; Omaha Bar  
Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Tanya R. Langton** ..... (402) 661-7343  
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Education: Denver 1997 JD  
Secretary **Patricia Vansteenburgh** ..... (402) 661-7343  
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**Chambers of Magistrate Judge F. A. Gossett, III**

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**F. A. Gossett III**  
Magistrate Judge

Education: Creighton 1972 JD  
Began Service: May 29, 2003  
Term Expires: May 29, 2011

**United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nebraska**

Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse, 111 South 18th Plaza,  
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Internet: www.neb.uscourts.gov

**Number of Judgeships:** 2

**Court Staff**

Clerk **Diane L. Zech** ..... (402) 661-7444  
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**Chambers of Chief Bankruptcy Judge Thomas L. Saladino**

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**Thomas L. Saladino**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: August 2006  
Term Expires: August 2020

**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Timothy J. Mahoney**

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Suite 2144, Omaha, NE 68102  
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**Timothy J. Mahoney**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Creighton 1967 BS, 1972 JD  
Began Service: June 28, 1985  
Term Expires: June 27, 2013

**Current Memberships:** Iowa State Bar Association; Nebraska State Bar  
Association; Omaha Bar Association

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Joan Kramer** ..... (402) 661-7484  
Education: Creighton 1988 BA, 1991 JD  
Judicial Assistant **Mary Moller** ..... (402) 661-7480

**United States District Court for the District of Nevada**

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Las Vegas, NV 89101  
Tel: (702) 464-5400 Fax: (702) 464-5457  
Internet: www.nvd.uscourts.gov

**Number of Judgeships:** 7

**Number of Vacancies:** 1

**Court Staff**

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**Roger L. Hunt**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: Brigham Young 1966 BA; George Washington 1970 JD  
Began Service: May 26, 2000  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Deputy District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney,  
County of Clark, Nevada (1970-1971); Legislative Aide (D-NV), Office of  
Senator Howard W. Cannon, United States Senate

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the District of  
Nevada (1992-2000)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Edwards, Hunt, Hale and Hansen

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Clark County Bar  
Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Brian Christensen** ..... (702) 464-5530  
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Law Clerk **Leslie Nino** ..... (702) 464-5530  
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Term Expires: September 2010  
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**Philip M. Pro**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: San Francisco State 1968 BA;  
Golden Gate 1972 JD  
Began Service: July 23, 1987  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Affiliation:** Vice President, Federal Judges Association; Member, State Bar  
of Nevada; Member, State Bar of California

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable William Compton, Nevada District  
Court, Eighth Judicial District (1972-1973)

**Government:** Deputy Public Defender, County of Clark, Nevada  
(1973-1975); Assistant United States Attorney, District of Nevada, Office  
of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice  
(1975-1978); Deputy Attorney General, Gaming Division, State of Nevada  
(1979-1980); Assistant U.S. Attorney, Nevada District, Executive Office  
for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1980)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the District of  
Nevada (1980-1987); National Council of the United States Magistrate  
Judges (1986-1987); Judicial Conference of the United States Committee  
on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System (1993-1998);  
Chief Judge, United States District Court for the District of Nevada  
(2002-2006)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Semenza, Murphy & Pro (1978-1979)

**Military Service:** United States Naval Reserve (1964-1968)

**Chambers of District Judge Philip M. Pro continued**

**Current Memberships:** Clark County Bar Association; Ninth Circuit  
Wellness Committee, Federal Judicial Center; Nevada Trial Lawyers  
Association; State Bar of California; State Bar of Nevada

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Rebecca Paddock** ..... (702) 464-5510  
Began Service: September 2009  
Term Expires: September 2010  
Career Law Clerk **Kara Rickey** ..... (702) 464-5510  
Education: Cornell 2001 JD  
Secretary **Darlene Graham** ..... (702) 464-5510

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**Kent J. Dawson**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
Education: Weber State 1969 BS; Utah 1971 JD  
Began Service: July 17, 2000  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable James Guinan, Washoe District Court

**Government:** Assistant City Attorney, City of Henderson, Nevada  
(1972-1973); City Attorney, City of Henderson, Nevada (1973-1979);  
General Counsel, Nevada Public Improvement Trust, City of Henderson,  
Nevada (1973-1995); Interim City Manager, City of Henderson, Nevada  
(1977)

**Judicial:** Judge Pro Tem, Henderson Municipal Court (1993-1995); Justice  
of the Peace, Henderson Justice Court (1995-2000)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1979-1995)

**Staff**

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Secretary **Donna M. Silva** ..... (702) 464-5560

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**Larry R. Hicks**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: Nevada (Reno) 1965 BS; Colorado 1968 JD  
Began Service: November 29, 2001  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** Deputy District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney,  
County of Washoe, Nevada (1968-1971); Chief Deputy District Attorney,  
Office of the District Attorney, County of Washoe, Nevada (1971-1974);  
District Attorney, Office of District Attorney, County of Washoe, Nevada  
(1974-1978)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, McDonald, Carano, Wilson, McCune, Bergin,  
Frankovich & Hicks, LLP (1979-2001)

**Staff**

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